

State of North Carolina



BEVERLY EAVES PERDUE
GOVERNOR

CENTRAL AUDITORY PROCESSING DISORDER AWARENESS MONTH

2012

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Central Auditory Processing Disorder (CAPD) affects 5% of school-age children, and many are undiagnosed, due to lack of awareness; and

WHEREAS, CAPD is a deficiency in the way the brain processes verbal information; and

WHEREAS, children with CAPD have trouble learning to read, comprehending and remembering verbal instructions, spelling and learning vocabulary, and have shorter attention spans; and

WHEREAS, children with CAPD often have trouble in situations with background noise, making comprehension difficult; and

WHEREAS, children with CAPD often confuse simple words that sound alike; and

WHEREAS, CAPD is similar to developmental dyslexia, and many of the same types of instructional phonic modifications are useful in teaching a child with CAPD to read; and

WHEREAS, children with CAPD often fall through the cracks, due to lack of awareness, and are often thought of as lazy, inattentive, or slow; and

WHEREAS, with an early diagnosis, children with CAPD have a better opportunity to live up to their potential in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, there are many classroom modifications that can help children with CAPD learn, such as reducing the amount of background noise, having a child sit in the front of the class, and giving more visual instructions in a progressive order; and

WHEREAS, increased education and research are needed to help find more effective treatments and, ultimately, a cure for CAPD; and

WHEREAS, teachers, parents and other caregivers need to be aware of the signs and symptoms of CAPD so that they can assist in identifying children with the disorder and help to ensure they are given the best advantages possible to succeed; and

WHEREAS, the State of North Carolina recognizes the need for increased awareness of CAPD in order that children with this disorder receive a chance at a bright future;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, BEVERLY EAVES PERDUE, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim September 2012, as "CENTRAL AUDITORY PROCESSING DISORDER AWARENESS MONTH" in North Carolina, and commend its observance to all citizens.



BEVERLY EAVES PERDUE

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of North Carolina at the City of Raleigh this twenty-fifth day of July in the year of our Lord two thousand and twelve, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and thirty-seventh.